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**TOWN OF
C H E S T E R**
New Hampshire



**For the Year Ending
DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST
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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Clerk,

Highway Agent and Trustees of Trust Funds

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31

1954

News-Enterprise Press

Derry, N. H.

TOWN OFFICERS 1954

MODERATOR

Walter P. Tenney

TOWN CLERK

Carrie A. Richardson

SELECTMEN

John A. West, 1955

Austin C. Hunt, 1956

Harry W. Roberts, 1957

OVERSEER OF POOR

Harry W. Roberts

TOWN TREASURER

Florence L. Herrick

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Roland A. Nichols

REPRESENTATIVE

Robert C. Hazelton

POLICE OFFICERS

Lester J. Lewis, Chief

Maurice G. Colman, Special

Wilbur P. Hunt, Special

Fred MacDonald, Special

Charles Olivier, Special

John P. Marshall, Special, Dog Officer

ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle

HEALTH OFFICER

Fred H. MacDonald

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Ernest S. Edwards

Alvah G. Healey

Maurice G. Colman

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Eugene E. Gannon, 1955 Walter P. Tenney, 1956
Mildred F. Hunt, 1957

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Maurice G. Colman, 1955 Rose C. Learnard, 1956
Ella A. Allen, 1957

VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Harry C. Edwards, 1955 Bert Warren, 1956
Josiah C. Richardson, 1957

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Charles A. Morse, 1955 William B. Wason, 1956
Austin C. Hunt, 1957 Maurice G. Colman, 1958
Byron D. Mills, 1959

TRUSTEES OF THE WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME

Byron D. Mills, 1955 Ella A. Allen, 1956
Philip G. Hazelton, 1957 Austin C. Hunt, 1958
Ethel M. Warren, 1959

TOWN AUDITORS

Russell Underwood Philip G. Hazelton
Lewis J. Gordon

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Eugene Tenney Samuel Douglas
James Eustis Walter Lane
Charles Olivier

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Wilbur P. Hunt
Tel. 19-3, Chester, N. H.

FIRE CHIEF

Victor B. Spollett
Tel. 4-4, Chester, N. H.

CUSTODIAN OF STEVENS MEMORIAL HALL

Fred H. MacDonald

LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE LEADER

John H. Carson

BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO
TOWN MEETING

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester in the county of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs: (L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall in said Chester on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects: Propose to close polls at 6 o'clock, article 2, and all articles thereafter to be taken up at 8:00 P. M. except article 24.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations of the same.
3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of highways and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to gravel and mix in place (black top) the Charles Smith road so-called.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$552.14 for class 5 roads, the State to contribute \$3,680.92.
7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$16,600.00 for the purpose of making improvements to the following class V roads within the Town. Road No. 65 (North

Chester Road, so-called) beginning at end of black top and continuing to road No. 85 (Birch Road, so-called) such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Provisions of Chapter 83, Laws of 1951, as amended by Chapter 31, Laws of 1953, and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the date and place of payment of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be to the best interests of the Town of Chester.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Stevens Memorial Hall.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Poor and its share of the cost of Old Age Assistance.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the general expenses of the Fire Department.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,540.08 for Street Lights.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Dump.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Chester Free Public Library.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Cemeteries.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for extermination of Moths.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding 1/100 of one per cent of the Town's Valuation bases on the 1954 assessment, to the Merrimac Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advan-

tages and resources of the Town in cooperation with the other 37 communities in this region, or act relating thereto.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civil Defense.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to retire the Great Hill Cemetery Notes.

20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell property acquired by the Town, through Tax Collectors' deeds, at Public Auction.

21. To see if the Town will vote to request the State Tax Commission to make a complete reappraisal of the lands and other property within the Town to equalize valuation in accordance to law, and raise and appropriate money for the purpose.

22. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

23. To see what action the Town wishes to take in regard to the report of the Zoning Committee appointed, by the Moderator, at the last annual meeting.

24. To see what action the Town will take by ballot on the following questions, Shall the provisions of Chapter 171A of the revised laws relative to playing Beano be adopted in this Town. Only organizations having been registered in the Town of Chester over two (2) years can run said Beano.

25. To see what discount will be allowed on April 1955 assessment of taxes paid on or before August 1, 1955 or within ten days of presentation of tax bill, and take any vote relating thereto.

26. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

27. To Transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February,
in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty five,

John A. West
Austin C. Hunt
Harry W. Roberts
Selectmen of Chester

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

John A. West
Austin C. Hunt
Harry W. Roberts
Selectmen of Chester

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January
Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan-

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax --	\$2,500.00	\$2,193.91	\$2,000.00
Railroad Tax -----	5.00	4.59	4.50
Savings Bank Tax -----	140.00	41.03	40.00
For Fighting Forest Fires --		28.35	
Rembursement a/c Old Age Assistance -----		201.63	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses -----	350.00	394.32	350.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees -----	10.00	12.00	10.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings -----	150.00	225.50	150.00
Income from Trust Funds ----		728.00	
Income of Departments:			
Highway, including rental of equipment -----		20.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees --	3,500.00	4,325.39	3,500.00
Withdrawals from Capital Re- serve Funds -----		1,982.15	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds Or Notes:			
Fire Truck -----		2,500.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	900.00	870.00	900.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	17.00	17.00	17.00
Total Revenue From All Sources Except Property Taxes -----	\$7,572.00	\$13,543.87	\$6,971.50

CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1, 1955 to December 31, 1955 Compared With Estimates and Actual
uary 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries -----	\$1,800.00	\$1,884.11	\$1,800.00
Town Officers' Expenses ----	875.00	907.01	875.00
Election and Registration Expenses -----	400.00	304.45	200.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings -----	2,200.00	2,080.82	1,600.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department -----	125.00	62.20	125.00
Fire Department -----	3,700.00	8,129.49	1,200.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees -----	200.00	100.00	200.00
Civil Defense -----	100.00	26.81	100.00
Health:			
Health Dept., Incl. Hospital --	50.00	18.97	50.00
Vital Statistics -----	30.00	21.00	30.00
Town Dump -----	500.00	368.00	500.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer -	4,000.00	5,882.17	4,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter -	2,500.00	1,175.08	2,500.00
Street Lighting -----	1,540.08	1,527.24	1,540.08
General Expenses of Highway Department -----	800.00	509.36	800.00
Town Road Aid -----	549.01	549.01	552.14
Libraries -----	400.00	400.00	400.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor -----	4,000.00	2,310.20	2,800.00
Old Age Assistance -----	2,000.00	2,913.62	2,500.00

BUDGET (Continued)

BUDGET (Continued)

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veterans'

Associations -----	100.00	98.95	100.00
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Aid to Soldiers & Their Families		158.75	
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Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds, Incl.

Band Concerts -----	150.00	90.11	150.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries -----	175.00	260.55	250.00
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Unclassified:

Damage and Legal Expenses,

Incl. Dog Damage -----	100.00	13.95	50.00
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Advertising and Regional Assn.			100.00
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Interest:

On Temporary Loans -----	100.00		212.50
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On Principal of Trust Funds			
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Used By Town -----	85.00	35.00	17.50
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Highways and Bridges:

Flashing Light -----	190.00	259.71	100.00
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Payments on Principal of Debt:

Long Term Notes -----	500.00	500.00	500.00
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Total Expenditures -----	<u>\$27,169.09</u>	<u>\$30,586.56</u>	<u>\$23,252.22</u>
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

Title of Appropriations	Fiscal Year Appro- priations	Receipts & Reim- bursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers Salaries	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00	\$1,884.11		\$84.11
Town Officers Expenses	875.00		875.00	907.01		32.01
Election and Registration	400.00		400.00	304.45	95.55	
Stevens Memorial Hall	2,200.00	243.00	2,443.00	2,080.82	362.18	
Police Department	125.00		125.00	62.20	62.80	
Fire Dept., Incl. Forest Fires	1,200.00	28.35	1,228.35	1,129.49	98.86	
Fire Truck	2,500.00	4,482.15	6,982.15	7,000.00		17.85
Care of Trees	200.00		200.00	100.00	100.00	
Bounties				3.50		3.50
Civil Defense	100.00		100.00	26.81	73.19	
Health Department	50.00		50.00	18.97	31.03	
Vital Statistics	30.00		30.00	21.00	9.00	
Town Dump	500.00		500.00	368.00	132.00	
Town Roads (Summer)	4,000.00	20.00	4,020.00	5,882.17		1,862.17
Town Roads (Winter)	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,175.08	1,324.92	
Town Road Aid	549.01		549.01	549.01		
Street Lights	1,540.08		1,540.08	1,527.24	12.84	

General Expense Highway Dept.	800.00	800.00	509.36	290.64	
Libraries	400.00	400.00	400.00		
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	201.63	2,913.62		711.99
Town Poor	4,000.00	728.00	2,310.20	2,417.80	
Memorial Day	100.00	100.00	98.95	1.05	
Soldiers Aid			158.75		158.75
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00	150.00	90.11	59.89	
Cemeteries	175.00	175.00	260.55		85.55
Damages & Legal Exp. Incl. Dogs	100.00	100.00	13.95	86.05	
Taxes bought by Town			2,634.54		2,634.54
Wrong Tax, Over Assessment			143.95		143.95
Flashing Light	190.00	190.00	259.71		69.71
Interest	185.00	185.00	35.00	150.00	
Head Tax	2,556.50	32.17	2,356.25	232.42	
County Tax	3,695.07	3,695.07	3,695.07		
Cemetery Notes	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Totals	\$33,420.66	\$5,735.30	\$39,419.87	\$5,540.22	\$5,804.13
School District	\$40,258.73		\$12,790.68	\$27,468.05	Due

FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Town of Chester in Rockingham County for the
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated February 7, 1955

John A. West
Austin C. Hunt
Harry W. Roberts
Selectmen

Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
CONTINUED

ASSETS

Cash In Hands of Treasurer	\$37,100.02
Unredeemed Taxes :	
Levy of 1953	1,462.47
Levy of 1952	641.15
Uncollected Taxes :	
Levy of 1954	12,637.33
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954	390.00
Total Assets	<u>\$52,230.97</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$52,230.97</u>
Net Surplus, December 31, 1953	\$16,602.64
Net Surplus, December 31, 1954	<u>17,725.04</u>
Increase of Surplus	1,122.40

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town :	
Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	\$3,647.88
Due to State :	
State Head Taxes—1954 (Uncollected)	390.00
Due to School District :	
Balance of Appropriation	27,468.05
Long Term Notes Outstanding :	
1 Due 1955 First National Bank, Derry (Fire Truck)	1,500.00
1 Due 1956 First National Bank, Derry (Fire Truck)	1,000.00
Trust Funds, Amount of Principal Used By Town : ...	500.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$34,505.93</u>
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	\$17,725.04
Grand Total	<u>\$52,230.97</u>

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue :

From Local Taxes :

Property Taxes—Current Year—1954	\$47,031.28	
Poll Taxes—Current Year—Reg. @ \$2	744.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes, 1954	17.00	
Yield Taxes—1954	2,129.07	
State Head Taxes @ \$5—1954	2,195.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted		\$52,116.35
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes— Previous Years		10,082.86
Poll Taxes—Previous Years—Reg. @ \$2		126.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5 Previous Years		330.00
Interest received on Taxes		415.28
Penalties on State Head Taxes		31.50
Tax sales redeemed		2,498.17

From State :

Interest and dividends tax	2,193.91	
Railroad Tax	4.59	
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	41.03	
Fighting forest fires	28.35	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	201.63	

From Local Sources Except Taxes :

Dog licenses	394.32	
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	12.00	
Rent of town property	263.00	
Income from trust funds	728.00	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 Permits	72.61	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1954 Permits	4,252.78	8,192.22

CLASSIFICATION

Payments

For the Year Ended December 31, 1954

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officer's salaries	\$1,884.11
Town officer's expenses	907.01
Election and registration expenses	304.45
Expenses town hall & other town Bldg.	2,080.82

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	62.20
Fire Dept., Incl. forest fires	1,129.49
Moth extermination—Care of Trees	100.00
Bounties	3.50
Damage by dogs	13.95
Civil Defense	26.81

Health:

Health Dept., Incl. Hospital	18.97
Vital statistics	21.00
Town dumps	368.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	549.01
Town Maintenance:	
Summer \$5,882.17—Winter \$1,175.08 ..	7,057.25
Street lighting	1,527.24
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	509.36

Libraries:

Libraries	400.00
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	2,913.62
Town poor	2,310.20

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veteran's Assn.	98.95
Aid to soldiers and their families	158.75

Recreation:

Parks & playgrounds, Incl. band concerts	90.11
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RECEIPTS and

Receipts Other than Current Revenue :

Long term notes during year	2,500.00
Refunds	49.40
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	
Funds	1,982.15
Mrs. Mabel Finnegan, Bal. Chester Old	
Home Day Money	42.82
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$4,574.37
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$78,366.75
Cash on hand January 1, 1954	\$10,948.05

Grand Total	<hr/> \$89,314.80
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PAYMENTS (Continued)

Public Service Enterprises :	
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	260.55
Unclassified :	
Taxes bought by town	2,634.54
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	143.95
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$2,778.49
Interest :	
Paid on principal of trust funds used by town	35.00
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Total Interest Payments	35.00
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment And Permanent Improvements :	
Flashing Light	259.71
Fire Truck	7,000.00
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Total Outlay Payments	7,259.71
Indebtedness :	
Payments on Long Term Notes	500.00
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Total Indebtedness Payments	500.00
Payments to Other Governmental Div :	
State Head Taxes paid State Treas :	
'54 Taxes \$1,948.50—Prior Yrs. \$407.75	2,356.25
Taxes paid to County	3,695.07
Payments to School Districts :	
'53 Tax \$2,790.68—'54 Tax \$10,000.00	12,790.68
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Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	\$18,842.00
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$52,210.55
Cash on hand December 31, 1954	37,104.25
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Grand Total	\$89,314.80

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1954

Valuation April 1st, 1954

Land and Buildings	\$1,170,745.00
Electric Plants	74,976.00
Horses, 28	1,750.00
Cows, 192	25,540.00
Neat Stock, 40	3,110.00
Sheep and Goats, 9	45.00
Fowls, 14,733	14,260.00
Hogs, 5	75.00
Fur Bearing Animals, 277	2,216.00
Wood, Lumber	15,130.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 10	1,540.00
Stock in Trade	17,625.00
Mills and Machinery	6,810.00
Portable Mills, 3	1,500.00
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	1,335,322.00
Soldiers and Blind Exemptions	62,060.00
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	\$1,273,262.00

APPROPRIATIONS

List of 1954 appropriations as taken from the official record of the annual town meeting March 9, 1954.

Article 2—Town Charges

Town Officers Salaries	\$1,800.00
Town Officers Expenses	875.00
Election and Registration	400.00
Police Department	125.00
Health Department	50.00
Vital Statistics	30.00
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00
Legal Expenses and Dog damage	100.00
Interest	185.00
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Total	\$3,715.00

Article 4

Highways	7,300.00
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Article 5		
Class 5 Roads		549.01
Article 7		
Stevens Memorial Hall		2,200.00
Article 8		
Town Poor	4,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	
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Total		6,000.00
Article 9		
Fire Department		1,200.00
Article 10		
Fire Truck		2,500.00
Article 11		
Street Lights		1,540.08
Article 12		
Flashing Light		190.00
Article 13		
Town Dump		500.00
Article 14		
Library		400.00
Article 15		
Cemeteries		175.00
Article 16		
Memorial Day		100.00
Article 17		
Extermination of Moths		200.00
Article 19		
Civil Defense		100.00

Article 21

Cemetery Note	500.00
Total	<u>\$27,169.09</u>

Voted to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay into the Town Treasury the sum of \$728.00, it being the amount used for advance payment on Wilcomb-Townsend Home account.

Certified by,
Carrie A. Richardson
Town Clerk

LIABILITIES

Great Hill Cemetery Notes

William White	\$75.00
Edmund Sleeper	45.00
Sarah A. True	75.00
David Lane	70.00
Amos Hazelton	75.00
George Herman Jack	60.00
Mary E. Merrill	25.00
James DeLesky	75.00
	<u>\$500.00</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

of the Town of Chester, N. H. for the
year ending December 31, 1954

Cash Balance from 1953 account	\$10,948.05
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Tax Collector :

Property Tax, 1950	\$ 61.34	
Property Tax, 1951	650.03	
Property Tax, 1952	736.88	
Property Tax, 1953	10,953.67	
Property Tax, 1954	47,031.28	59,433.20
Timber Tax, 1953	179.11	
Timber Tax, 1954	2,129.07	2,308.18
Head Tax, 1953	330.00	

Head Tax, 1954	2,195.00	2,525.00
Head Tax Fines, 1953	27.50	
Head Tax Fines, 1954	4.00	31.50
Poll Taxes, 1953	126.00	
Poll Taxes, 1954	744.00	870.00
Interest, 1950	14.96	
Interest, 1951	104.20	
Interest, 1952	74.34	
Interest, 1953	217.41	
Interest, 1954	4.37	415.28
National Bank Stock		17.00
Town Clerk :		
Auto Taxes	4,325.39	
Dog Tax	394.32	
Filing Fees	12.00	4,731.71
State of New Hampshire :		
Dividend Tax	2,193.91	
Savings Bank Tax	41.03	
Railroad Tax	4.59	
Training Meeting, Forest Fire Dept.	10.75	
Forest Fire Bill	17.60	
Share of Recovery of Old Age Assistance to Leon Simonds	201.63	
Head Tax Reimbursement	32.17	2,501.68
Rent of Hall		243.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	728.00	
	1,982.15	2,710.15
First National Bank, Derry, Notes for Fire Truck		2,500.00
Carrie Richardson, Over payment of Auto Fees		13.00
Mrs. Mabel Finnegan, Balance from Chester Old Home Day		42.82

Town of Sandown, Grader Rental	20.00
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Paid Selectmen's Order No. 822—50	\$89,310.57
	52,206.32
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Cash on Hand	\$37,104.25

Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

There were 140 dog licenses issued during the year. 26 females, 28 spayed females, 79 males, 7 kennel licenses. The Clerk received \$443.50. Dog tags cost \$12.43, License books \$6.50, Postage \$2.25. The Clerk retained \$28.00 fees. The Town Treasurer was paid \$394.32.

During the year Automobile Town Taxes totaled \$4,325.39 which was paid to the Treasurer monthly.

Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLL & YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1954

— Dr. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$58,570.05
Poll Taxes	874.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	17.00

Total Warrant	\$59,461.05
Yield Taxes	2,735.39
Added Taxes Property	362.24
Interest Collected	4.37

Total Debits	\$62,563.05
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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$47,031.28
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Poll Taxes	744.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	17.00	
Yield Taxes	2,129.07	
Interest	4.37	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collectors List :		
Property Taxes	\$11,901.01	
Poll Taxes	130.00	
Yield Taxes	606.32	
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Total Credits		\$62,563.05

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1953

— Dr. —

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954		
Property Taxes	\$9,781.60	
Poll Taxes	126.00	
Yield Taxes	179.11	
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		\$10,086.71
Interest Collected to January 1		190.77
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Total Debits		\$10,277.48

— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer :

Property Taxes	\$9,781.60	
Poll Taxes	126.00	
Interest	190.77	
Yield Taxes	179.11	
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Total Credits		\$10,277.48

STATE HEAD TAXES

Levy of 1954

— Dr. —

Warrant	\$2,585.00	
Penalties	4.00	
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Total Debits		\$2,589.00

— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer	\$2,195.00	
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Penalties	4.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes	390.00	
Total Credits		\$2,589.00

STATE HEAD TAXES

1953

— Dr. —

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1954	\$330.00
Penalties collected	27.50

Total Debits	\$357.50
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— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer	\$275.00
Over 70 and Wrong Assessments	55.00
Penalties	27.50

Total Credits	\$357.50
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Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of Dec. 1, 1954

— Dr. —

	Tax Sale	on Account of	Levies of
	1953	1952	1951
			1950

Taxes sold to Town During				
Year	\$2,634.14			
Taxes paid before deeds				
were passed		\$14.82	\$56.96	\$50.37
Bal. of unredeemed Taxes				
As of Jan. 1, 1954		1,215.17	741.11	10.97
Interest Collected after sale	26.64	50.66	127.88	14.96
Total Debits	\$2,661.18	\$1,280.65	\$925.95	\$76.30

— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer				
During Year	\$1,172.07	\$588.84	\$793.07	\$61.34
Interest	26.64	50.66	127.88	14.96
Unredeemed Taxes at close				
of Year	1,462.47	641.15		
Total Credits	\$2,661.18	\$1,280.65	\$925.95	\$76.30

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers Salaries

Appropriated \$1,800.00

John A. West, Selectman	\$225.00
Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	215.00
Harry W. Roberts, Selectman (Overseer Poor)	235.00
Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk	401.50
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	677.61
Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer	75.00
Walter P. Tenney, Moderator	45.00
Russell E. Underwood, Auditor	10.00

\$1,884.11

Town Officers Expenses

Appropriated \$875.00

John A. West, Expense as Selectman	\$42.00
Expense for Selectmen & Tax Collector Assessors meeting	9.50
Austin C. Hunt, Expense as Selectman	50.00
Adding machine paper	1.80
Harry W. Roberts, Expenses as Selectman	35.00
Carrie A. Richardson, Exp. as Town Clerk	6.85
Expense at Clerks Assn. meeting	17.80
Florence L. Herrick, Expense as Treasurer	35.00
Roland A. Nichols, Exp. as Tax Collector	25.00
Philip G. Hazelton, Postage	15.04
Ruth N. Ray, Stamps	15.70
Madeline M. Mitchell, dinners for Auditors, Town Officers	38.00
News Enterprise Press, Town Reports and Ballots	292.00
News Enterprise Press, 25 Check Lists	32.50
Brown and Saltmarsh, Supplies	8.46
Mildred F. Hunt, Clerical Work	20.00
Salary and Expenses Trustee of Trust Funds	35.00
Edson C. Eastman, Supplies	55.20
Curtis Insurance Agency, Officers Bonds	108.56

U. S. Auto & Truck Guide Used By	
Town Clerk 1954 and 1955	14.50
Frank B. Nay, Names Deceased Persons ..	.70
First Nat. Bank, Derry, Safe Deposit Box	5.50
John W. A. Green, Copying Transfers	17.00
Ida M. Horner, Tax Collectors Assn. Dues	3.00
Association N. H. Assessors Dues	3.00
Sargent Bros., Tax Bills	19.90

\$907.01

Election and Registration

Appropriated \$400.00

Ernest S. Edwards, Supervisor	\$46.40
Alvah G. Healey, Supervisor	53.60
Edward E. Griffin, Supervisor	14.40
Maurice G. Colman, Supervisor	32.00
William J. Ring, Ballot Inspector, 1953	7.20
1954	21.60
Lewis J. Gordon, Ballot Inspector, 1953	7.20
1954	21.60
Harry C. Edwards, Ballot Inspector	14.40
Marion S. Gannon, Ballot Inspector	14.40
Mildred F. Hunt, meals for Officers Primary & Election	55.25
Fred H. MacDonald, Policē Primary & Election	14.40
News Enterprise Press, Supervisors Notices	2.00

\$304.45

Stevens Memorial Hall

Appropriated \$2,200.00

N. H. Electric Co., Electric Service	\$142.71
Chester Telephone Co., Telephone Service	61.84
Edward E. Griffin, Janitor Service	150.00
Supplies33
Fred H. MacDonald, Janitor Service	450.00
Supplies	11.52
J. J. Moreau, Bulbs	4.29
Fuelite Gas, Gas for Kitchen	13.00
Franklin A. Dickason, Electric wiring & supplies	463.73
Western Emergency Light Co., Batteries	27.00
Philip G. Hazelton, Insurance	103.00

Grange Mutual Ins. Co., Insurance	108.00
Charles W. Varney Co., Insurance	162.00
Mrs. Edward E. Griffin, Piano and Stool	35.00
Gannon Coal and Supply Co., Coal	259.00
Newton West, Wood	49.00
Walter W. Lane, Slabs	5.00
Earle M. Hazelton, fitting and housing wood	30.40
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	\$2,080.82

Police

Appropriated \$125.00

Lester J. Lewis, Chief, Services	\$55.00
Edward E. Griffin, Services	7.20
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	\$62.20

Fire Department, Including Forest Fires Appropriated \$1,200.00—General Expenses

\$2,500.00 Fire Truck

Borrowed \$2,500.00 and \$1,982.15 from Capital Reserve

N. H. Electric Co., Electric Lights	\$21.28
Chester Telephone Co., Telephone Service	58.01
Curtis Insurance Agency, Liability Fire Trucks	92.00
Insurance Fire Trucks	49.23
W. P. Hunt, Warden, Spring Forest Fire School	21.50
Hunt's Garage, Gas, Zerone and Supplies	77.40
Henry T. Provost, Dues, State Firemens Association	30.00
A. F. Robinson, Boiler Works, Fittings	33.91
Nashua Woodcraft, New Door	29.15
Muir Lumber Corp., Lumber and Supplies	10.83
Roland A. Nichols, Labor at Fire House	32.62
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Fittings	8.68
Gannon Coal and Supply Co., Oil for Fire House	45.38
James Eustis, Furnace for Fire House	464.00
Victor B. Spollett, Chief, use of car and expenses	25.00
A. F. Robinson, Boiler Works, New Fire Truck	7,000.00
R. G. Crowell, State Manager, Accident Insurance	130.50
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	\$8,129.49

Care of Trees	
Appropriated \$200.00	
F. A. Bartlett, Tree Expert Co., Spraying Trees	\$100.00

Bounties	
Appropriated None	
John A. West, Paid seven Hedgehogs heads	\$3.50

Civil Defense	
Appropriated \$100.00	
N. H. Electric Co., Electric Service	\$5.25
Chester Telephone Co., Telephone Service	6.56
Lester J. Lewis, Moving Shelter	15.00
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	\$26.81

Health Department	
Appropriated \$50.00	
Edward E. Griffin, Services	\$10.00
Fred H. MacDonald, Expense to Health Officer meeting	8.97
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	\$18.97

Vital Statistics	
Appropriated \$30.00	
Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk	\$21.00

Town Dump	
Appropriated \$500.00	
Fred H. MacDonald, Services	\$368.00

T. R. A.	
Appropriated \$549.01	
State of N. H.	\$549.01

Street Lights	
Appropriated \$1,540.08	
N. H. Electric Co.	\$1,527.24

General Expense of Highway Department	
Appropriated \$800.00	
James W. Towle, Highway Work	\$40.10

Curtis Insurance Agency, Bonds, Insurance	192.88
N. H. Electric Co., Electric Service	13.00
James Eustis, Repair on Plow	79.85
W. E. Hutton, Electric Work	62.61
N. H. Farm Tractor Co., Wico Mag.	37.00
Director of Internal Revenue, Income Tax	2.30
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Labor and Parts	81.62

\$509.36

Library

Appropriated \$400.00

Ella Allen, Treasurer	\$400.00
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Old Age Assistance

Appropriated \$2,000.00

State of N. H.	\$1,950.17
Town of Auburn	963.45

\$2,913.62

Town Poor

Appropriated \$4,000.00

Rockingham County Home and Hospital	\$1,826.00
State of N. H.	74.20
Ella Grodual (Mrs.)	360.00
Geo. A. Dawson, M. D.	5.00
Franklin R. Perry	15.00

\$2,310.20

Memorial Day

Appropriated \$100.00

Forsaith-Drowne Post, A. L., Flags, etc.	\$48.00
Backmann Florists, Flowers	12.00
Charles A. Morse, Sporting Goods	38.95

\$98.95

Soldiers Aid

No Appropriation

Paid for aid to one family	\$158.75
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Parks and Playgrounds

Appropriated \$150.00

Victor Hunt, Mowing Lawns	\$3.00
Fred H. MacDonald, Mowing Lawns	7.00
Curtis Insurance Agency, Town Clock	14.50
Roland A. Nichols, Repairs on Cannon	52.61
Earle M. Hazelton, Care Town Clock	13.00
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	\$90.11

Cemeteries

Appropriated \$175.00

Harry C. Edwards, Mowing Cemeteries	\$36.00
Earle M. Hazelton, Cemetery Work	183.80
A. Newton West, Cutting Trees	15.75
James W. Towle, Clearing Hurricane Damage	25.00
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	\$260.55

Damage and Legal Expenses, Dog Damage

Appropriated \$100.00

News Enterprise Press, Dog Notices	\$1.50
John P. Marshall, Supplies and Mileage	12.45
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	\$13.95

Taxes Bought By Town

No Appropriation

Roland A. Nichols, Taxes bought by town	\$2,634.54
Roland A. Nichols, Over Assessment & Wrong Tax	143.95
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	\$2,778.49

Blinking Lights

Appropriated \$190.00

Lewis J. Sinskie, Blasting	\$30.00
Franklin A. Dickason, Electric Work	41.48
N. H. Electric Co., Installing Pole	156.20
Electric Service	29.63
Treasurer State of N. H., Flash Bulbs	2.40
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	\$259.71

Interest	
Appropriated \$185.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds, Cemetery Notes	\$35.00
State and County Taxes	
State of New Hampshire, Head Tax	\$2,356.25
Earle Stockbridge, County Tax	3,695.07
School Money	
Carrie A. Richardson, Part Payment	\$12,790.60

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle Winter Maintenance Appropriated \$2,500.00

Crawford, Walter, Truck	\$146.00
Dolloff, Raymond, Tractor	5.00
Hunt's Garage, Gas, Supplies, Welding	26.98
Lewis, Lester J., Truck	420.00
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Salt	139.32
Mitch Filling Station, Gasoline	5.78
Roberts, Dana, Labor	6.00
Tuttle, William F., Shovel, Truck	74.00
Towle, James, Truck, Labor	352.00
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	\$1,175.08

Summer Maintenance Appropriated \$4,000.00

Dolloff, Raymond, Labor	\$23.25
Director of Internal Revenue, Income Tax90
Estes Filling Station, Gasoline	10.39
Eustis, James, Repairs on Grader	5.00
Granite State & Asphalt Products Co., Cold Patch and Asphalt	83.10
Gorton, William, Power Saw	72.00
Hammond, Lyman, Truck	35.10
Hume Pipe of N. E. Inc., Concrete Pipe	1,077.00
Hunt's Garage, Gas, Oil, Supplies, Welding	14.68
Judy's Filling Station, Gasoline	7.89
Lewis, Lester, Truck	374.40
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Pipe	40.98

Mitch Filling Station, Gasoline	52.66
Mitchell, Lester, Labor	161.60
N. H. Farm Tractor Co., Repair on Grader	7.60
N. H. Fence Co., Road Drag	24.00
Rollins, Willis, Truck	35.10
Roberts, Warren, Truck	35.10
Towle, James W., Truck, Labor	853.50
Treas. of State of N. H., Overdraft	35.02
Tucker, Harris, Labor	27.30
Webber, R. E., Shovel, Truck Supplies	1,701.73
Webber, Fred, Bulldozer, Truck	98.10
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	\$4,776.40

"Hurricanes"

Church, Muriel C., Gravel	\$ 6.00
Edwards, Harry C., Labor, Cement	9.00
Dolloff, Raymond, Truck	201.90
Edwards, Paul, Labor	6.00
Gorton, William, Labor	175.00
Lewis, Lester J., Truck	279.00
Mitch Filling Station, Gasoline	20.63
Noyes, George, Gasoline	3.81
Roberts, Warren, Gravel	123.48
Towle, James W., Truck, Labor	246.00
Towle, Jackie, Labor	29.95
Tucker, Harris, Labor	5.00
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	\$1,105.77

WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand	\$1,091.22
Dividends from Trust Funds	1,129.88
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	\$2,221.10

Expenditures

Paid Treasurer of Trust Funds	\$670.16
Treasurer's Bond	5.00
Insurance	72.99

Taxes	69.00
Paid by vote of Trustees	274.09
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	\$1,091.22
Balance in Bank	\$1,129.88

Ella A. Allen, Treasurer

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1954, Cash on hand	\$1,122.09	
Received from sale of lots	674.00	
Received from burial fees	205.00	
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	\$2,001.09	
Total Expenses		\$213.00
To Balance		1,788.09
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		\$2,001.09

January 1, 1955, Cash on hand	\$1,788.09
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Maurice Colman, Treasurer

GREAT HILL CEMETERY

All cemetery lots are priced at 90c a square foot, which includes perpetual care.

A down payment of \$10 will be expected at time of purchase, the balance should be paid within a year.

The cemetery trustees reserve the right to refuse any burial if a lot is not fully paid for after a reasonable time.

Excavations for burials are \$25 unless unforeseen difficulties are encountered.

All burials must be made in some sort of vault, other than a wooden box.

In order that the trustees can better serve you, in your time of need, they have given Mrs. Helen Colman, the authority to sell lots and arrange for burials.

Maurice Colman, Chairman Trustees

CEMETERY TRUSTEES, TOWN OF CHESTER

French Addition

Harry C. Edwards, Treasurer

Balance on Hand	\$717.59
Interest to Date	25.33
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	\$742.92
Paid Earle M. Hazelton	25.33
Cash to Balance	717.59
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	\$742.92
Cash on Hand	\$717.59

CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES

Ella A. Allen

Cash on Hand January 1954	\$132.06
Received from Town	400.00
Received from John C. Chase Fund	15.11
Received from George Stevens Fund	10.25
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	\$557.42

Expenditures

Librarian's Salary	\$200.00
Insurance	27.20
Books and Magazines	276.36
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	\$503.56
Balance in Bank	53.86
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	\$557.42

CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books added in 1954	176
By purchase	90
By gift	86
Magazines received	26
By gift	12

By subscription	14
Number borrowers in 1953	120
Number borrowers 1954	132

Fines

Fines	\$14.20
Balance on Hand from 1953	2.32
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	\$16.52
Expended for usual library supplies, magazines, books and postage	\$15.42
Cash on Hand to Balance	1.10
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	\$16.52

Approximately \$3.00 more was collected in fines, but this money was removed from the librarian's desk.

Two chairs were given to the library. They were needed. We have had many fine books and magazines given to the library and we wish to thank all those who have helped to improve Chester Library.

Mabel R. Finnigan, Librarian

REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1954, 15 calls were answered

Buildings	5
Chimney Fires	3
Grass and Forest	3
Oil Burners	2
Town Dump	2
Oil Burner permits issued	18

New Equipment: 1 fully equipped 500 gallon Ford Fire truck carrying 500 gallons of water. 6 Hose fittings for quick service. 2 rear tires (hose truck).

Installed a new automatic oil furnace in firehouse.

Enlarged firehouse door.

Necessary repairs on the trucks and equipments were made.

Victor B. Spollett, Fire Chief

AUDITORS REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Town Clerk, as required by law, and find them correct and properly vouched.

We have also examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Road Agents, Trustees of Trust Funds, Village Cemetery Trustees, Great Hill Cemetery Trustees, Library Trustees and Trustees of the Wilcomb-Townsend Home as required by law or custom and find them correct and properly vouched.

Date of Audit, January 22, 1955.

Signed,

Russell Underwood

Philip Hazelton

Lewis Gordon

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF
CHESTER, N. H.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON DECEMBER 31, 1954

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year.	Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS								
May 25, 1918	Albert Knippee by will -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2½	2.50	2.50	2.50	
April 15, 1919	Joseph Knowles -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2½	2.50	2.50	2.50	
April 15, 1919	Robert and Rebecca Knowles -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2½	2.50	2.50	2.50	
Jan. 31, 1920	Elizabeth I. Kent by will -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2½	2.50	2.50	2.50	
May 27, 1922	John S. Emery by Richard S. Emery -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2½	2.50	2.50	2.50	
Sept. 30, 1922	George Wells by Carrie L. Warren -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2½	2.50	2.50	2.50	
Oct. 3, 1922	Amos Green by Charles H. Green -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2½	2.50	2.50	2.50	
Nov. 30, 1923	Moses Pingree by will -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2½	2.50	2.50	2.50	
Jan. 31, 1924	Daniel Bell by will -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2½	2.50	2.50	2.50	
Mar. 31, 1923	Silas F. Learnard by Martha L. Learnard -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2½	2.50	2.50	2.50	
June 29, 1918	Sarah U. Lane by will -----	Manchester Savings Bank -----	200.00	3¼	7.06	7.06	7.06	
April 15, 1919	John West by Sarah F. Robinson -----	Manchester Savings Bank -----	50.00	3¼	1.76	1.76	1.76	
Jan. 31, 1920	John W. West 2nd by will -----	Manchester Savings Bank -----	50.00	3¼	1.77	1.77	1.77	
April 30, 1921	Page Reed Smith by Josephine Lovering -----	Manchester Savings Bank -----	80.00	3¼	2.82	2.82	2.82	
April 30, 1921	Sally Lovering Sleeper -----	Manchester Savings Bank -----	40.00	3¼	1.41	1.41	1.41	
June 28, 1921	Joseph Dane by Nellie E. Dane -----	Manchester Savings Bank -----	50.00	3¼	1.76	1.76	1.76	

Nov. 26, 1921	Mary E. Bean by will -----	Manchester Savings Bank.	50.00	3 1/4	1.77	1.77
Oct. 3, 1922	Charles H. Green by Charles H. Green	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	3.53	3.53
May 3, 1923	Samuel S. Warren by Orpha A. Warren -----	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3 1/4	1.76	1.76
Nov. 20, 1923	Mark Sanborn by Heirs -----	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3 1/4	1.77	1.77
Dec. 22, 1923	Herbert W. Robie -----	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3 1/4	1.77	1.77
Mar. 15, 1906	William W. White by will -----	Town Note -----	75.00	3 1/2	2.63	2.63
Dec. 24, 1908	Edmund Sleeper by Heirs -----	Town Note -----	45.00	3 1/2	1.57	1.57
June 17, 1909	Hannah M. William by same -----	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
Aug. 23, 1910	Sarah A. True -----	Town Note -----	75.00	3 1/2	2.63	2.63
Aug. 23, 1910	Henry Moore by Emma M. Moore -----	Town Note -----	60.00	3 1/2	2.10	2.10
July 7, 1911	Samuel S. Parker by same -----	Town Note -----	40.00	3 1/2	1.40	1.40
June 3, 1912	Lot Knowles by Heirs -----	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
Nov. 25, 1916	Charles H. Knowles by same -----	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
Feb. 16, 1916	Charles Stevens by will -----	Town Note -----	60.00	3 1/2	2.10	2.10
Aug. 25, 1917	Oren F. Page by Mary A. Byard -----	Town Note -----	40.00	3 1/2	1.40	1.40
Sept. 29, 1917	Hills Stevens, by Lydia A. Newell -	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
Nov. 1, 1917	David Lane by Sarah E. Lane -----	Town Note -----	70.00	3 1/2	2.45	2.45
June 30, 1918	Caroline M. Hall by will -----	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
Mar. 26, 1919	Parker Morse by Clarence O. Morse -	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
Mar. 26, 1919	George Marden by Clarence O. Morse -	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
Oct. 1, 1924	James W. Gordon by will -----	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
Oct. 28, 1924	James H. Hardy by Abbie Hardy -----	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
Sept. 25, 1925	George S. West by Gertrude J. West -	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
June 5, 1928	Amos Hazelton by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note -----	75.00	3 1/2	2.62	2.62
April 6, 1928	George Herman Jack by Jessie Stevens Jack -----	Town Note -----	60.00	3 1/2	2.10	2.10
June 5, 1925	Ephraim Orcutt by Elizabeth S. Hook -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3 1/2	1.75	1.75

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON DECEMBER 31, 1954

Date of Creation	PURPOSE OF CREATION TRUST FUNDS—	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal			Balance of Income on Hand at Begin- ning of Year.	Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
			Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.	Expended During Year.				
Jan. 2, 1929	Augustus P. Morse by Augustus P. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75			
Dec. 31, 1929	Charles F. True by will per Sarah J. True	Town Note	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75			
Jan. 5, 1931	French - Heath by Jennie C. Heath	Town Note	50.00	3½	.88	.88			
Jan. 1, 1929	Mary E. Merrill by same	Town Note	25.00	3½	1.75	1.75			
July 1, 1931	Hannah M. Sawyer by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	2.62	2.62			
Oct. 13, 1931	James DeLeskey by Rilla Day	Town Note	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75			
May 26, 1936	W. F. Warren by Frank Warren	Town Note	300.00	3	9.06	9.06			
May 3, 1904	Johr W. Noyes by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	45.00	3	1.36	1.36			
Feb. 16, 1915	Jonathan Pressey by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02			
Dec. 23, 1908	Luther W. Hall by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	339.80	3	10.25	10.25			
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02			
Oct. 3, 1911	Charles A. Dearborn by will	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02			
Oct. 11, 1911	Rev. Charles Tenney by Mary E. Tenney	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50			
Oct. 31, 1914	Cynthia J. Brown by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02			
Aug. 30, 1916	John Hazelton by Susan Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50			
June 30, 1918	George L. Converse by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50			

Mar. 20, 1925	Lydia J. Ramsey by same by Kate V. Colby -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Jan. 23, 1926	Mills & Wilson by Frank M. Mills per Martin Mills -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	3	7.55	7.55
Oct. 5, 1926	Helen F. Soule by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
June 5, 1928	James & J. Albert Hook by Elizabeth S. Hook -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
May 30, 1930	Arthur L. Morse and Harry Roberts by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
April 27, 1931	George A. Hosley by Emma Hosley -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05
Mar. 12, 1929	John C. Chase by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05
May 1, 1920	Village Cemetery by Clarence O. Morse -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	1,000.00	2½	1.94	25.00
Jan. 28, 1932	George F. West by Heirs -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	185.00	3	5.59	5.59
May 7, 1932	The Mills Family by Heirs of Annie Mills -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05
Aug. 3, 1932	C. F. Marston by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
May 2, 1933	Buzzell A. Follansbee by Herman Follansbee -----	Manchester Savings Bank	60.00	3¼	2.12	2.12
Aug. 1, 1933	Carlos Noyes by will -----	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	3¼	2.65	2.65
Jan. 11, 1933	A. H. Wilcomb by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	224.00	3	6.88	6.00
Oct. 9, 1933	Josie Gerah by will -----	Mortgage	220.00	5	3.63	4.51
Jan. 19, 1934	John F. & Jennie E. Green, Heirs -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Jan. 9, 1934	Lucy Lawrence by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
July 8, 1935	Ellen A. Coates by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Nov. 25, 1935	Joseph Webster by Heirs -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05
Feb. 23, 1937	Valeria A. Towle by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
May 20, 1937	Mabel J. Brickett by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON DECEMBER 31, 1954

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest on Hand at Beginning of Year.	Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
May 8, 1937	Charles E. Cook by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
Aug. 14, 1937	Moses Webster, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
Aug. 19, 1937	The Melvin Fund by John Tracy Melvin	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
Oct. 23, 1937	Red B. and Alice E. Boyles by Abbott W. Boyles	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53	
Jan. 28, 1938	Thomas J. Melvin by Helen E. Melvin by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
Dec. 8, 1938	James Marden by daughter	Amoskeag Savings Bank	40.00	3	1.20	1.20	
Mar. 1, 1939	Chester Noyes Greenough by Ruth H. Greenough	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
May 29, 1939	E. G. Buffum by Lilla J. Morton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
Aug. 11, 1939	Frances L. Hazelton Estate of F. L. by O. L. Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05	
Nov. 25, 1939	Susie Smith	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
May 21, 1940	Magdalena Robbs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05	
Oct. 31, 1940	John H. Robie by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53	
Dec. 27, 1940	George Mackintosh by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
July 22, 1941	Lewis Kimball by Annie L. Little	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	

Oct. 25, 1950	Eva Underhill -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Nov. 8, 1941	Sanborn & Morse by Heirs of Mary A. Sanborn & Leroy D. Morse -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	120.00	3	3.62	3.62
Nov. 29, 1941	Mary A. Owen by Mary Owen --	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Nov. 28, 1941	Edward T. Morse, Lois C. Morse by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Oct. 7, 1942	Mary J. Maple by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
May 4, 1942	William Greenough by Arthur Greenough -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
May 5, 1942	Arthur E. Leighton by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Feb. 23, 1942	William P. Nichols by children --	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
July 27, 1942	Justine P. Creamer by Ina Creamer -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Aug. 22, 1942	Isabelle C. Clark by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05
June 18, 1943	Lida E. Crawford by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	3	9.06	9.06
Dec. 13, 1943	Amos T. French, by will -----	U. S. Bonds -----	5,000.00	2½	109.91	146.50
Feb. 15, 1943	Minnie D. French by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
July 16, 1945	Addie F. Watkins by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Dec. 7, 1945	Ann M. Wakefield by Maud B. Goodrich -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	1.53
Dec. 9, 1947	George S. Webster by daughters -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
Apr. 15, 1948	John G. Lang by Mary I. Lang by will -----	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	3¾	5.28*	5.28
Apr. 15, 1948	Edwin Jones by Mary I. Lang by will	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	3¾	5.28	5.28
May 5, 1948	Osgood Richards by Abbie Richards Hood -----	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	3¾	5.28	5.28
Sept. 29, 1949	Preston E. Goodrich by Maud B. Goodrich -----	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	3¾	5.28	5.28

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Nov. 16, 1949	Robert H. Hazelton	(2 shares of stock)			4.66	18.37	20.00	3.03
Mar. 24, 1950	William Finnigan by same	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.27	3.27	
April 24, 1950	Victoria J. Brown by will	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	200.00	3	9.11	6.85	6.00	9.96
July 5, 1950	William H. and Arthur H. West By Georgiana West							
Oct. 19, 1950	William A. Moore By George Moore	Manchester Savings Bank	250.00	3 1/4		8.83	7.00	1.83
Aug. 26, 1951	George E. Gillingham	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4		3.52	3.52	
May 1, 1951	J. Wesley Smith	Manchester Savings Bank	300.00	3 1/4	.50	10.59	5.00	6.09
Dec. 11, 1951	Mansur & Seibert	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4		3.52	3.52	
April 1, 1952	Ivory J. and Sarah J. Lovering and John L. Husom	Amoskeag Savings Bank	175.00	3		5.29	5.29	
Feb. 1953	Farish G. Lewis	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3		4.53	4.00	.53
July 25, 1953	Vellie W. Keains	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	150.00	3		4.91	4.00	.91
Sept. 24, 1953	Nathan W. Goldsmith	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	3		7.55	7.55	
Dec. 24, 1946	Great Hill Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	1.13	4.57	4.00	1.70
Jan. 15, 1954	Moses Tewksbury	Man. Fed. Savings Bank		3	2,709.35	87.76		2,798.11
Aug. 1954	Weeks and Forsaith	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	300.00	3		9.00	9.00	
	LIBRARY FUNDS	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	200.00	3		2.17		2.17
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by Will	Manchester Savings Bank	339.80	3 1/4		11.98	11.98	

Jan. 2, 1931	John C. Chase by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	500.00	3	15.11	15.11
Mar. 24, 1950	Fire Department Equipment Fund	Man. Fed. Savings Bank		3	31.69	1,982.15
1915	The Wilcomb Home Fund by Mary J. Wilcomb -----				1,950.46	
		Amoskeag Savings Bank	3,466.98			
		Manchester Savings Bank	919.04			
		U. S. Savings Bond -----	1,000.00			
1927	Lydia A. Newell Home Fund by Lydia A. Newell -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	8,907.29			
		Manchester Savings Bank	4,389.32			
		Amoskeag Savings Bank	5,223.69			
		Manchester Savings Bank	3,225.95			
		Mechanics Savings Bank	10,563.42			
		U. S. Savings Bonds	4,300.00			
49 Jan. 15, 1955	Paid Treasurer Trustee of Wilcomb-Townsend Home Income on these Funds for 1954 ----- \$1,129.88					
Jan. 15, 1955	Received from Treasurer, Trustee of Wilcomb-Townsend Home unpended Balance for 1953 -- \$670.16					
Dec. 31, 1954	Received from Town of Chester \$500.00 to retire part of Cemetery Notes.					

AUDITORS REPORT
January 22, 1955
We have examined the books and accounts of Trustees of Trust Funds, Mildred Hunt, Treas., as required by law, and find them correct and properly vouched
R. E. Underwood
L. J. Gordon
Philip G. Hazelton
Auditors

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

MODERATOR

John West

CLERK

Mildred F. Hunt

TREASURER

Carrie A. Richardson

SCHOOL BOARD

H. Wallace Fitts

Ruth S. Dearborn

Volney C. Allen

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Everton H. Parkinson

Residence, Derry, N. H., Tel. Office 195

SCHOOL NURSE

Rae Sives

Residence, Londonderry, N. H., Tel. Derry 574-4

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Fred MacDonald

AUDITOR

Paul S. Nutting

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

School and Grades	Name	P. O. Address
Chester 1-2	Greeley, Gertrude	Londonderry, N. H.
Chester 2-3	McCully, Doris	Chester, N. H.
Chester 4-5	Church, Muriel	Chester, N. H.
Chester 6-7	Perry, Barbara	Derry Village, N. H.
Chester 7-8	Vadeboncoeur, John	Nashua, N. H.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1954 to June 1955

1954

First Period:

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 8

Closes Thurs, Dec. 23

1955

Second Period:

Opens Monday, Jan. 3

Closes Friday, Feb. 18

Third Period :

Opens Monday, Feb. 28

Closes Friday, April 22

Fourth Period :

Opens Monday, May 2

Closes at the end of 180
school days

TENTATIVE CALENDAR

September 1955 to June 1956

1955

First Period :

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 7

Closes Thursday, Dec. 22

1956

Second Period :

Opens Tuesday, Jan. 3

Closes Friday, Feb. 17

Third Period :

Opens Monday, Feb. 27

Closes Friday, April 20

Fourth Period :

Opens Monday, April 30

Closes at the end of 180
school days

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Chester,
N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stevens Memorial Hall
in said district on the 9th day of March, 1955 at 7:45 o'clock in
the afternoon to act upon the following :

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing
three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers
chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in the warrant.

7. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to continue grading the area back of the school for playground activities and pass any vote relating thereto.

9. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grant-in-aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the U. S. Government and/or State Agencies.

10. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to negotiate a tuition contract with receiving secondary schools and pass any vote relating thereto.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester this 21st day of February, 1955.

H. Wallace Fitts
Ruth Somers Dearborn
Volney C. Allen
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

H. Wallace Fitts
Ruth Somers Dearborn
Volney C. Allen
School Board

SCHOOL BUDGET

Payments Item	Appropriated			Expended		Appropriated School Board's	
	1953-54			1953-54		1954-55	Budget 1955-56
Administration							
Salaries of district officers	\$276.00			\$276.00		\$276.00	\$420.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	412.30			412.30		317.93	347.36
Tax for state wide supervision	442.00			442.00		422.00	478.00
Salaries of administrative personnel	225.68			228.18		342.10	363.83
Supplies and Expenses	300.00			311.17		369.85	422.81
Instruction							
Teachers salaries	14,587.08			14,551.57		15,523.40	16,078.14
Books and other instructional aids	300.00			723.91		350.00	350.00
Scholars' supplies	400.00			230.66		500.00	500.00
Supplies and other expenses	125.00			360.34		125.00	250.00
Operation of School Plant							
Janitor's Salary	900.00			927.00		900.00	900.00
Fuel	1,200.00			1,294.19		1,200.00	1,200.00
Light and janitor supplies	450.00			488.42		500.00	500.00
Maintenance of School Plant							
Repairs and replacements	400.00			944.44		500.00	500.00
Auxiliary Activities							
Health supervision	340.00			303.61		267.00	290.28

Transportation	6,000.00	5,815.50	6,000.00	6,000.00
Tuition—high school	18,400.00	16,441.56	19,000.00	21,390.00
Special activities and special funds	500.00	1,555.36	250.00	400.00
Fixed Charges				
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses	837.50	720.40	200.00	1,200.00
Retirement	873.62	981.89	1,052.58	1,092.31
Total Current Expenses	46,969.18	47,008.50	48,095.86	52,682.73
Capital Outlay				
Land and New Buildings	300.00	270.60	350.00	
New Equipment		735.30		250.00
Total Capital Outlay	300.00	1,005.90	350.00	250.00
Debt and Interest				
Principal of debt	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
Interest on debt	693.75	706.25	628.75	551.25
Total Debt and Interest	4,693.75	4,706.25	4,628.75	3,551.25
Total Expenditures	51,962.93	52,720.65	53,074.61	56,483.98

BUDGET—Continued

	Appropriated 1953-54	Actual 1953-54	Appropriated 1954-55	School Board's Budget 1955-56
Income				
Cash on hand, July 1				
State Aid	\$500.00	\$930.49	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
School Lunch	6,700.00	12,741.76	11,815.88	12,000.00
Other Sources		1,123.04		
		83.71		
Total receipts other than Property Taxes	7,200.00	14,879.00	12,815.88	12,250.00
District assessment raised or to be raised by Property Taxes	44,762.93	38,290.68	40,258.73	44,233.98
Current Appropriation	\$51,962.93	\$53,169.68	\$53,074.61	\$56,483.98

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

INCOME

National School Lunch	\$1,123.04	
State Aid	12,741.76	
Local Taxation	38,290.68	
Other Sources	83.71	
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Total Net Receipts from all Sources ..		\$52,239.19
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1953		930.49
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Grand Total Net Receipts		\$53,169.68

PAYMENTS

Administration

Salaries of District Officers	\$276.00
Superintendents Salary (local share)	412.30
Tax for State Wide Supervision	442.00
Salaries other administrative personnel	228.18
Supplies and Expenses	311.17

Instruction

Teachers salaries	14,551.57
Books and other Instructional Aids	723.91
Scholars' Supplies	230.66
Supplies and Other Expenses	360.34

Operation of School Plant

Salaries of Custodians	927.00
Fuel	1,294.19
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	488.42

Maintenance of School Plant

Repairs and Replacements	944.44
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Auxiliary Activities

Health Supervision	303.61
Transportation	5,815.50
Tuition—high school	16,441.56
Special Activities	89.22

School Lunch (Federal and District Funds only)	1,466.14	
Fixed Charges		
Retirement	981.89	
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses	720.40	
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Total Net Current Expenses	47,008.50	
Capital Outlay		
Additions & Improvements (Grading)	270.60	
New Equipment	735.30	
Debt and Interest		
Principal of Debt	4,000.00	
Interest on Debt	706.25	
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Total Net Payments for all purposes	\$52,720.65	52,720.65
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Cash on Hand at End of Year (June 30, 1954)		\$449.03

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Cash on Hand July 1, 1953 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		\$930.49
Rec. from Selectmen—Current Approp.	\$38,290.68	
Received from State Treas.—State Aid	12,741.76	
Received from State Treasurer—School Lunch Reimbursement	1,123.04	
Received from all Other Sources	83.71	
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Total Receipts		52,239.19
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance and Receipts)		53,169.68
Less School Board Orders Paid		52,720.65
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1954 (Treas. Bank Balance)		\$449.03

Carrie A. Richardson, District Treasurer

June 30, 1954

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Chester of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

Paul S. Nutting, Auditor

August 16, 1954

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1954

ASSETS

Cash on Hand June 30, 1954	\$449.03	
Total Assets		\$449.03

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by District		
Notes and Bonds Outstanding	\$37,000.00	
Total Liabilities		\$37,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$37,000.00	
Total Assets	449.03	
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)	\$36,550.97	

STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS

Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$41,000.00
Payment of Principal of Debt	4,000.00
Notes and Bonds Outstanding at End of Year	\$37,000.00

EXPENDITURES

December 30, 1954

	Budgeted for 1954-55	Expended to Dec. 30, 1954	Balance
Salaries of district officers ----	\$276.00	\$276.00	
Superintendent's salary -----	317.93	183.26	\$134.67

Per Capital Tax -----	422.00	422.00	
Expense of administration ----	711.95	266.30	445.65
Teachers salaries -----	15,523.40	5,002.70	10,520.70
Text books -----	350.00	407.40	
Scholars' supplies -----	500.00	276.42	223.58
Other expenses of instruction -	125.00	169.06	
Salaries of janitors -----	900.00	486.50	413.50
Fuel -----	1,200.00	221.13	978.87
Water, light and janitor supplies	500.00	317.27	182.73
Repairs and replacements ----	500.00	163.57	336.43
Health supervision -----	267.00	127.21	139.79
Transportation -----	6,000.00	2,411.60	3,588.40
Tuition—high school -----	19,000.00	3,864.00	15,136.00
Special activities -----	250.00	542.26	
Retirement -----	1,052.58	325.07	727.51
Insurance -----	200.00	79.52	120.48
Grading -----	350.00		350.00
New Equipment -----		234.37	
Debt -----	4,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
Interest on debt -----	628.75	616.25	12.50
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	\$53,074.61	\$19,391.89	\$34,310.81

CHESTER SCHOOL LUNCH

Report for year 1953-54

Receipts

Available as of September 1, 1953	\$ 2.55
Lunch Sales—Children	5,159.54
Lunch Sales—Adults	184.32
Receipts of Reimbursement	986.24

Total Receipts	\$6,332.65
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Expenditures

Expended for food	\$3,836.22
Expended for labor	1,866.00
Expended for equipment	229.21
All other expenditures	376.27

Total Expenditures	\$6,307.70
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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1954	24.95
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Accounts Receivable

Reimbursement claim for May	136.80	
Reimbursement claim for June	93.24	230.04

Total number lunches served during year	
Children	22,973
Adults	604
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Total	23,577

Average number of children served daily	136
Number free lunches served	1,227
Inventory of goods on hand	\$133.15

Pauline D. Clarke

SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET 1954-55

The Supervisory Union Board voted to appropriate \$21,801.97, including \$5,000.00 as the State's share of the Superintendents' and Helping teacher's salaries, for the operation of the Union. The distribution of the Union's share of \$16,801.97 among the constituent districts is indicated below:

	Total	State's Share	Union's Share	District's Share			
				Auburn	Chester	Derry	Londonderry Windham
Supt. Salary -----	\$6,425.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,925.00	%9.6	%8.1	%56.5	%14.3
Supt. travel within Union ----	600.00		600.00	\$376.80	\$317.93	\$2,217.62	\$561.28
Helping teacher's salary ----	3,500.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	57.60	48.60	339.00	85.80
Helping teacher's travel ----	500.00		500.00	98.00	81.00	565.00	143.00
Office Staff Salary -----			2,600.00	43.00	40.50	282.50	71.50
Prof. Staff Salary, -----			2,800.00	249.60	210.60	1,469.00	371.80
Nurse -----				%0	%9.0	%62.5	%15.7
					252.00	1,750.00	439.60
				%21.9	%18.7		%32.9
Music -----			3,200.00	700.80	598.40		1,052.80
Other Travel outside the Union				20.00	20.00	40.00	20.00
Retirement -----				59.13	49.90	348.05	88.09
Rent -----				19.20	16.20	113.00	28.60
Operational expense -----				100.80	85.05	593.25	150.15
Nurse's Retirement -----					17.19	119.35	29.98
				\$1,727.93	\$1,737.37	\$7,836.77	\$3,042.60
							\$2,457.30

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE 1953-54

	No. Pupils Tested	No. Defects Found	No. of pupils Seen or Treated By Family Physi.
Vision	148	28	10
Hearing	148	1	1
Teeth	148	118	44
Tonsils	148	25	1
Vaccination and Communicable Diseases			No. of Pupils
No. successfully vaccinated			170
Mumps			3
Clinics and Special Referrals		No. Examined	No. Treated
Flouride treatment			130
Mental Hygiene		1	1
Preschool		17	
Orthopedic		2	2
Home visits		8	

Martha D. Hurd, R.N., School Nurse

June 16, 1954

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Chester School Board:

I herewith submit my thirteenth annual report as superintendent of schools in Chester.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

Enrollment

The total enrollment for grades one through eight for the period ending January 31, 1955 was 176 as compared to 172 for the same date last year and 150 two years ago.

The membership by school and grades as of January 31, 1955 follows:

School	Grade								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Chseter	18	26	24	17	11	28	31	16	171

The number of Chester pupils who were in high school on January 31, 1955 was :

School	Grade				Total
	9	10	11	12	
Hood	10				10
Pinkerton		7	10	8	25
Manchester West	1				1
Manchester Central	2	2	1		5
Raymond	6	3	7	3	19
Totals	19	12	18	11	60

Statistics For the School Year Ending June 30, 1954

Total registration	177
Half Days schools were in session	354
Average membership	167.9
Average attendance	160.0
Per cent of attendance	95.3
Pupils transported at district expense	92

On Wednesday, June 16, 1954 the following boys and girls who had completed the prescribed elementary program of studies were presented diplomas :

Abbott, Gail	Fairhurst, Alfred	McFarland, Bethel
Burbank, David	Fulleton, Richard	Merrill, Gloria
Clement, Frances	Hanson, Guy	Noyes, Karl
Colman, Elizabeth	Herrick, Elizabeth	Powell, Nelson
Dearborn, Laurencé	Herrick, Maureen	Price, Peter
Dearborn, Linda	Jacques, Sally	Stookey, Gary
Downing, Stephen	Lewis, Robert	Vaal, Marcel
Eustis, Carol		Wells, Patricia

ENROLLMENT

ELEMENTARY

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Increase	6	13	10	4	0	14	20	9	76
1-31-55	18	26	24	17	11	28	31	16	171
1-31-54	22	25	19	16	24	25	16	24	171
1-31-53	24	17	11	22	25	15	19	12	145
1-31-52	16	15	23	25	14	16	16	23	148
1-31-51	14	23	22	17	15	16	21	21	148
1-31-50	17	22	16	15	14	19	20	21	144

1-31-49	24	16	17	12	19	17	16	11	122
1-31-48	16	17	11	15	18	16	11	14	108
1-31-47	12	13	11	13	10	10	16	13	98
1-31-46	12	13	14	13	11	14	11	7	95

SECONDARY

					Total
Increase	12	5	5	8	30
Grade	9	10	11	12	
1-31-55	19	12	18	11	60
1-31-54	15	20	13	13	61
1-31-53	23	13	15	13	64
1-31-52	19	8	12	12	61
1-31-51	16	14	13	9	52
1-31-50	9	12	13	11	45
1-31-49	13	11	11	7	42
1-31-48	13	12	8	5	38
1-31-47	14	6	5	11	36
1-31-46	7	7	13	3	30

Although there is no increase in the actual enrollment in the elementary field for the current year, the situation is somewhat critical for the rooms, especially the rooms now in use adjacent to the kitchen, were not designed for 35 pupils. The conditions in three rooms were not conducive to the best work. The situation will have to be watched closely so that an increased enrollment as indicated by the census reports can be anticipated and planned for in physical plant.

The elementary enrollment has not been as significant in the district as the secondary enrollment. The secondary enrollment has doubled and with secondary school costs almost tripled the results are significant. In the next three years the enrollment may even show a greater increase due to the current enrollments of sixth and seventh grades.

It does not now seem as though there will be any startling increases in enrollment for 1955-56. There is an increase in enrollment over last year as far as per capita tax is concerned and also an increase in average daily membership. These increases affect the cost of schools in two ways and will be discussed at greater length later in the report.

Personnel

There was only one change in personnel since the last report. Mr. Richardson resigned to enter the armed services.

Mr. Frank Perkins, a graduate of a western state university was engaged for the position. He resigned for personal reasons in November. The position was filled by substitutes for a few weeks. John Vadeboncoeur, a University of New Hampshire graduate, was engaged to begin work January 3rd. The work of the grades involved was interrupted with these changes but it is hoped and anticipated that the end of the year will find the pupils at grade level.

The retention of 4 of the staff is decidedly advantageous as far as the children are concerned. The teachers all strive conscientiously to perform the many things that are so necessary if real progress is to be made. The whole staff is concerned with the progress of class groups and individuals. They strive through extension courses to improve themselves so as to benefit children. The children will continue to grow under such instruction.

The only other change was in the supervisory union staff. As a result of legislative action 10 supervisory unions in the biennium were to have state assistance in providing additional supervisory staff. Union No. 10, because of its size, was one of the first authorized to employ a helping teacher. Mr. Russell Raymond, supervising principal of the elementary grades of Franklin, N. H. was secured to fill this position. He worked directly with teachers and pupils to improve the educational opportunity for all. The coordination of instruction and the correlation of materials from grade to grade provided for a more logical progression through grades in all areas. The value of such service is inestimable.

Aside from such changes as were affected as a result of the efforts of the helping teacher the program proceeded as usual.

The curriculum is constantly expanding to meet the needs of a complex society. Such changes as are made are made to do one of several things. The most recent programs prepared for use in the schools are concerned with the preservation and conservation of our natural resources and firearms safety. Both serve a useful purpose but are indicative of the trend to include more and more instructional materials in the school curriculum.

The time of the music teacher was distributed differently. The increased load, rooms and pupils, made it necessary to secure additional time for music instruction. Derry released all of Mrs. Kelley's time to Auburn, Chester, Londonderry and Windham. This made

it possible to resume more nearly the original allocation of time on a district basis.

The penmanship program was continued. This phase of our school program is well worthwhile. The legibility of the writing and the neatness of written work has a carry over value that will, I feel, make a definite contribution to the adult lives of the children.

The overall budget is increased \$3,409.37. Since capital outlay was decreased \$1,177.50 the operational budget was increased \$4,586.87.

Administration reflects increased enrollment for 1954-55 over 1953-54. Per capita tax reveals it directly an increase of \$56 in this item means there were 28 more pupils enrolled. Since administrative cost are partially allocated through the supervisory union budget on the basis of average daily membership the increased enrollments are reflected in increased costs.

Instruction costs reflect directly and indirectly increased enrollment. Other expenses of instruction involving pupil supplies—other than regular supplies—tests, diplomas, etc. are directly correlated with enrollment. Teacher's salaries reflects enrollment more indirectly. The salary level of teachers universally are increasing for several reasons. Fundamentally, the law of supply and demand affects the salary of teachers as well as other employed personnel. As long as the available supply of teachers is insufficient to fill the new class rooms necessary to accommodate additional enrollment, just so long will the salaries of teachers everywhere increase. The salaries paid Chester teachers is approximately the average paid throughout the state.

The large increase in fixed charges is due to the action taken on insurance at the district meeting three years ago. An attempt will be made to set up a more balanced program before the anniversary of currently expiring policies.

Practically the whole increase in auxiliary activities occurs in the item, high school tuition. The increase is primarily due to an increase in rate. There is also a slight increase in enrollment. The trend in secondary school tuition charges and enrollments is upward. This is apt to continue for several more years. It is becoming increasingly apparent that some alleviation of the tax burden at local level is necessary if the children are to receive the educational opportunity they should. The state needs to re-examine, re-evaluate and revise its tax structure to meet the needs of our smaller communities.

It has been and continues to be a pleasant task to try to provide as

good an educational program as funds will permit in a school community where all parents, teachers, townspeople, school board and pupils are all striving to fulfill his or her responsibility to the whole program.

Respectfully submitted,

Everton H. Parkinson
Superintendent of Schools

Births, Marriages and Deaths

REGISTERED IN THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31st, 1954

Births Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Name of Father			Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
			Male or Female	L'v'g or Still b.	No. of Child			
Jan. 6	East Derry	Alfred Westley Gorton	m	1	3	Dorothy C. Lewis	Hampstead, N. H.	Derry, N. H.
Jan 10	Exeter, N. H.	Sandra Rose Hallinan	f	1	5	Barbara E. McFarland	Brentwood, N. H.	Chester, N. H.
Feb. 18	East Derry	Michael Magee	m	1	10	Mary E. Gallahue	Dorchester, Mass.	So. Boston, Mass.
Mar. 18	East Derry	Bonnie Mae Jacques	f	1	4	Helen M. McCarthy	Wakefield, Mass.	Reading, Mass.
Apr. 9	Manchester	Linda Lou Case	f	1	2	Gloria J. Wells	Claremont, N. H.	Chester, N. H.
Apr. 17	East Derry	Susan Clare Goddard	f	1	3	Lillian C. Boghosian	Nashua, N. H.	Dorchester, Mass.
June 6	East Derry	Wm. Genthner Tenney	m	1	3	Elsie D. Genthner	Chester, N. H.	Bremm, Maine
July 5	East Derry	Alfred Neil Menard	m	1	12	Edith L. Carter	Chelsea, Mass.	Saugus, Mass.
July 10	East Derry	Leland E. Henderson	m	1	3	Mary F. Parshley	Skowhegan, Maine	Derry, N. H.
Aug. 4	East Derry	Patricia Anne Dugre	m	1	1	Geraldine M. Harvey	Manchester, N. H.	Biddeford, Maine
Aug. 21	Exeter, N. H.	George M. Edwards	m	1	3	Frances C. Estes	Chester, N. H.	Lynn, Mass.
Oct. 11	Manchester	Janet Delores Sylvester	f	1	4	Marguerite O. Rouleau	Manchester, N. H.	Manchester, N. H.
Nov. 2	East Derry	Nancy Lee Stenhouse	f	1	2	Dorothy A. Kent	Boston, Mass.	Boston, Mass.
Nov. 25	East Derry	Baby Nicoll	f	1	4	Gladys E. Tewksbury	Andover, Mass.	Derry, N. H.
Dec. 5	East Derry	Carol Ann Bethune	f	1	3	Jean E. Wason	Isiboro, Maine	Chester, N. H.
Dec. 7	East Derry	Neal Lyman Roberts	m	1	7	Elizabeth M. Jones	Chester, N. H.	Chester, N. H.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Names of Parents	Condition	Name, Residence, Official Station of Person by whom Married.
1953								
Dec. 31	Chester	Robert K. Rushton ...	Lexington	24	Tree Surgeon	Everett L. Rushton, Hilda Wilson	2	J. Stanley Dahlman
Feb. 13	Chester	Lois J. Thomann ...	Mass.	23	Bookkeeper	Charles E. Thomann, Frances Andersen	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
Mar. 13	Chester	James A. Stoddard, Jr. ...	Concord	24	Clerk	James A. Stoddard, Ruth Heseltun	2	J. Stanley Dahlman
Apr. 3	Milford	Mary E. Holden ...	Chester	25	Clerk	Bernard M. Sanborn, Josephine Smith	1	LaVerne Ellis
June 20	Chester	Robert H. Hill ...	Derry	19	Shoemaker	Charles A. Hill, Grace H. Cowan	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
Aug. 14	Nashua	Thelma E. Noyes ...	Chester	17	Shoemaker	Donald P. Noyes, Mary E. West	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
Sept. 18	Derry	Richard A. Nichols ...	Chester	28	Engineer	Ronald A. Nichols, Edith A. Sanborn	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
Oct. 30	Hampstead	Barbara H. Deans ...	Milford	33	Therapist	David Deans, Jr., Annie M. Riley	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
Nov. 6	Chester	Raymond S. Bassett ...	Sandown	30	State Employee	Raymond K. Bassett, Priscilla Knight	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
Nov. 26	East Derry	Martha E. Cox ...	Chester	32	Clerk	Edmund J. Cox, Annie Preston	1	Rev. Roger A. Houle
Nov. 27	Candia	Waldo L. Beckford, Jr. ...	Chester	23	Laborer	Waldo L. Beckford, Hazel I. Pingree	1	Joseph R. O'Connor
Dec. 3	Chester	Jacqueline Croissetiere ...	Nashua	20	Shoemaker	Wilfred Croissetiere, Rosalie Lavioie	1	Charles A. Brooks
		Claire B. Marquis, Jr. ...	Chester	26	Truck Driver	Lester J. Lewis, Bertha G. Teague	1	Carrie A. Richardson
		Milton C. Woodard ...	Derry	20	Stenographer	Arthur J. Marquis, Alice M. Lacasse	1	Robert W. Henderson
		Bernice D. Sanderson ...	Boston, Mass.	44	Truck Driver	James W. Woodard, Grace C. Coursen	1	Rev. Elmer E. Young
		Joel L. Lancy, Jr. ...	Chester	37	Waitress	Guy B. Sanderson, Dela J. Gannon	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
		Eleanor A. Kearney ...	Newburyport	44	Aircraft	Joel L. Lancy, Charlotte E. Bailey	2	J. Stanley Dahlman
		James E. Dickason ...	Chester	19	Elec. Worker	James F. Kearney, Frances Geddey	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
		Shirley R. Blackler ...	Derry	26	Shoemaker	Clarence E. Dickason, Melo M. Carrow	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
		Ralph E. Lewis ...	Chester	18	Shoemaker	Harold R. Blackler, Lucy A. Winters	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
		Norma D. Morgan ...	Candia	22	Truck Driver	Hadley E. Lewis, Bertha G. Teague	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
		Frederick Hartford, Jr. ...	Raymond	22	Clerk	Frederick F. Hartford, Lillian I. Dow	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
		Bessie L. Ware ...	Chester	16	At Home	Lawrence T. Ware, Mildred L. Estes	1	J. Stanley Dahlman

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 7	East Derry	Charles M. Woodward	89	Salem, N. H.	Joel Woodward	Fannie James
Feb. 27	Concord	Leon J. Simonds	77	Fitchburg, Mass.	Aaron Simonds	Nellie Bray
April 10	East Derry	Henry M. Fitzgerald	69	Lynn, Mass.	James Fitzgerald	Catherine Ryan
April 30	Chester	Mildred L. Fickett	56	Hampstead, N. H.	George A. Clough	Priscilla Small
June 5	Wolfeboro	Robert J. Meakin	70	Lynn, Mass.	Robert Meakin	Fannie Jarvis
June 8	Chester	William F. Finnigan	88	Liverpool, England	William Finnigan	Elizabeth Taylor
July 21	Manchester	Elsie B. Cook	71	New Hampshire	Albert H. Hardy	Ellen Nichols
July 23	East Derry	Thomas F. Kirby	70	Fall River, Mass.	John Kirby	Mary Grandfield
Aug. 8	East Derry	Harmidas N. Leclair	66	Manchaug, Mass.	Hermidas N. LeClair	Melvina Delano
Aug. 21	Chester	Lewis C. E. Richardson	68	Melrose, Mass.	Lewis Richardson	Not Known
Sept. 12	Chester	Lillie M. Zimmer	73	New York	William Miller	Christina
Sept. 29	East Derry	Leland R. Henderson	2M	East Derry	Robert Henderson	Mary F. Parshley
Nov. 18	Chester	Nettie B. Morse	80	Chester	John C. Morse	Emily West
Nov. 25	Manchester	Herbert F. Brooks	61	Lynn, Mass.	John Brooks	Kathleen Flanagan

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk

